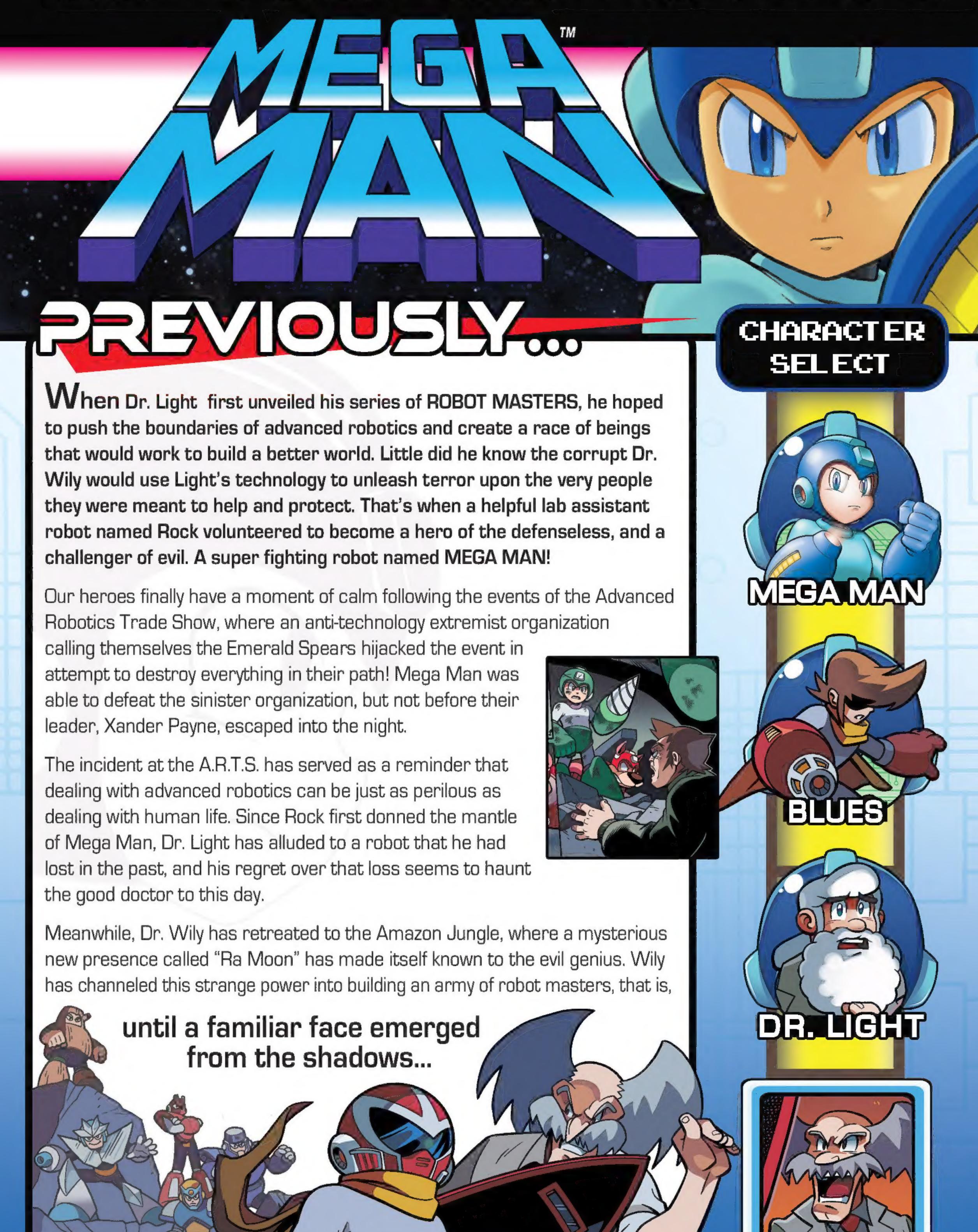
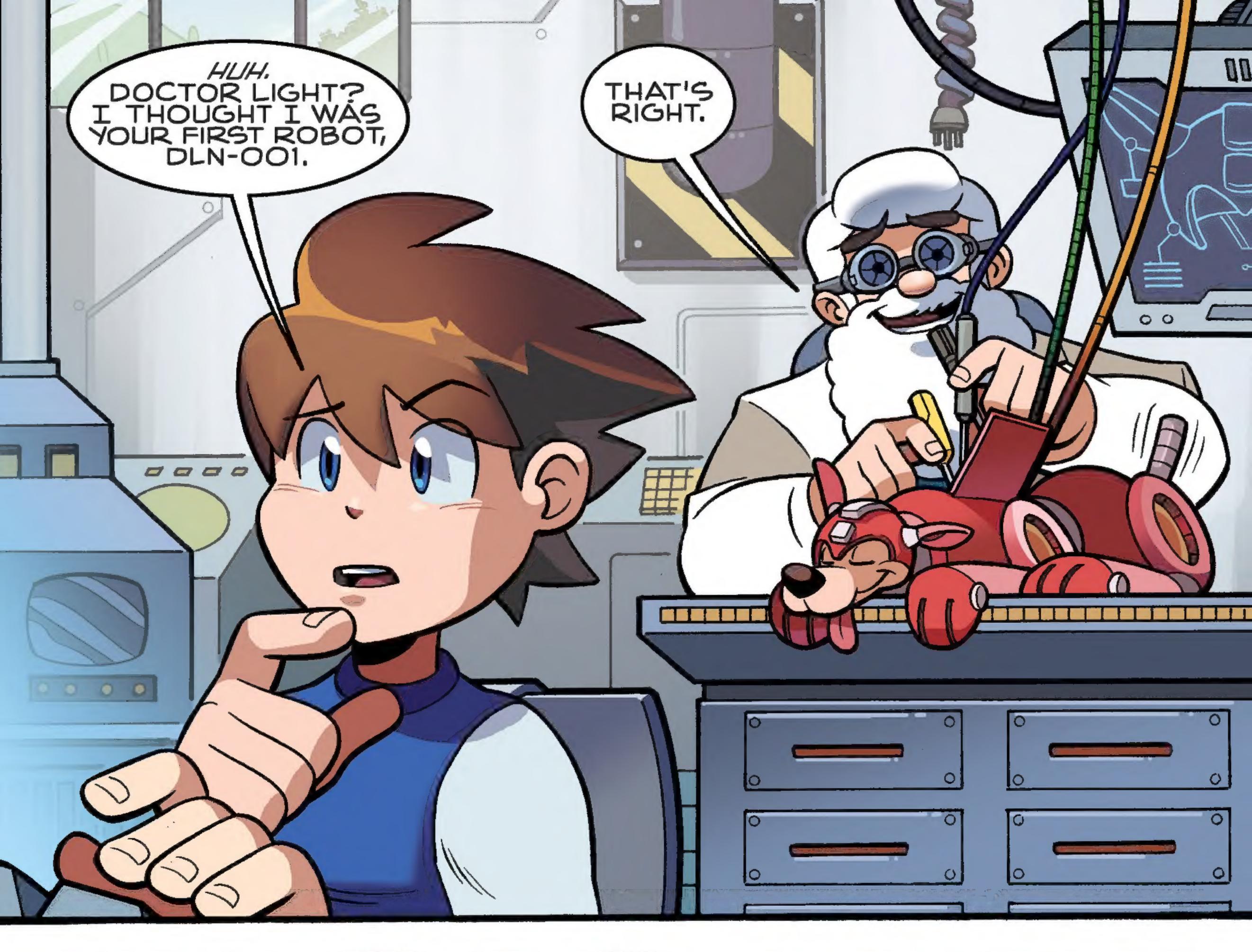


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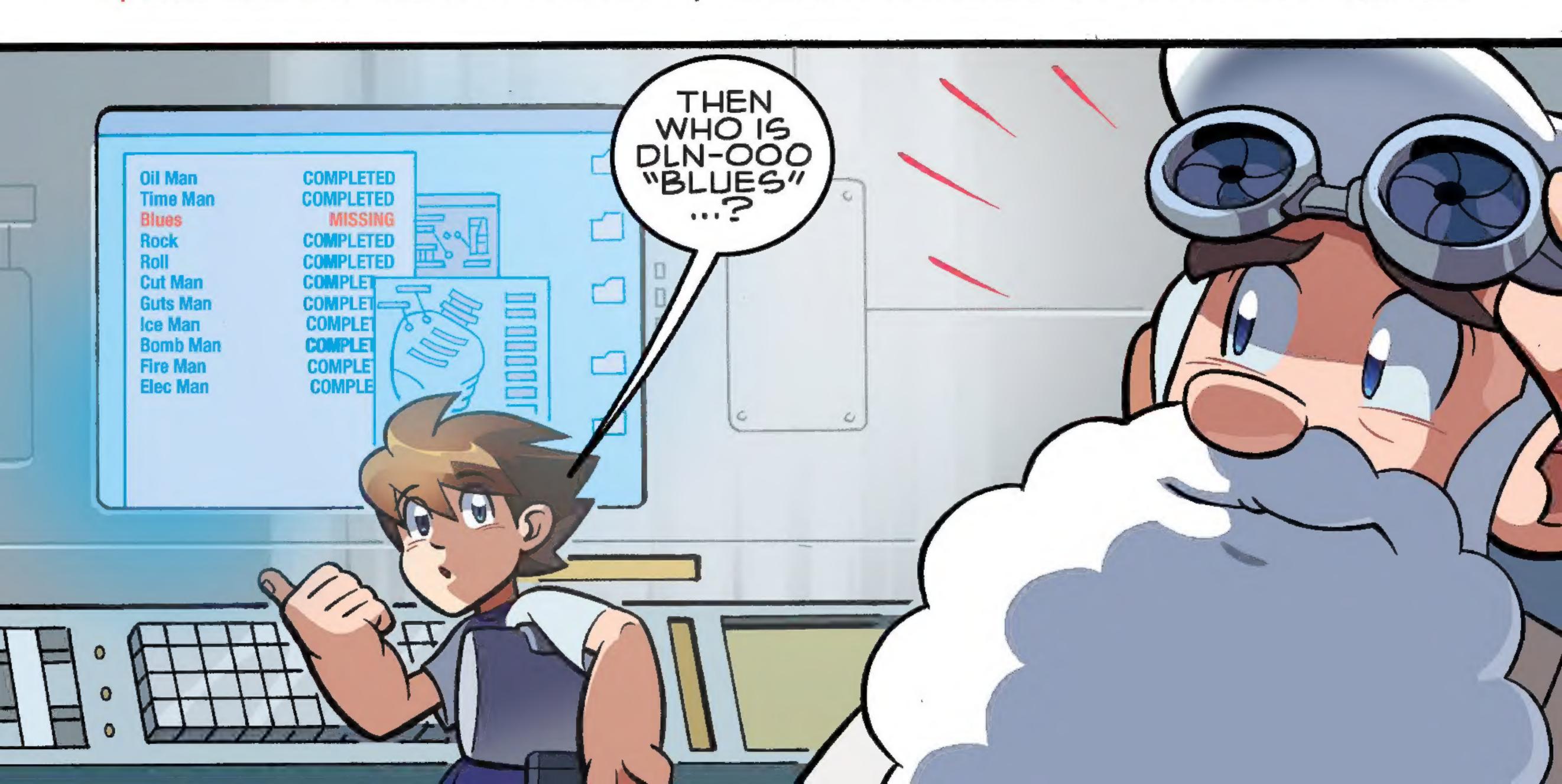
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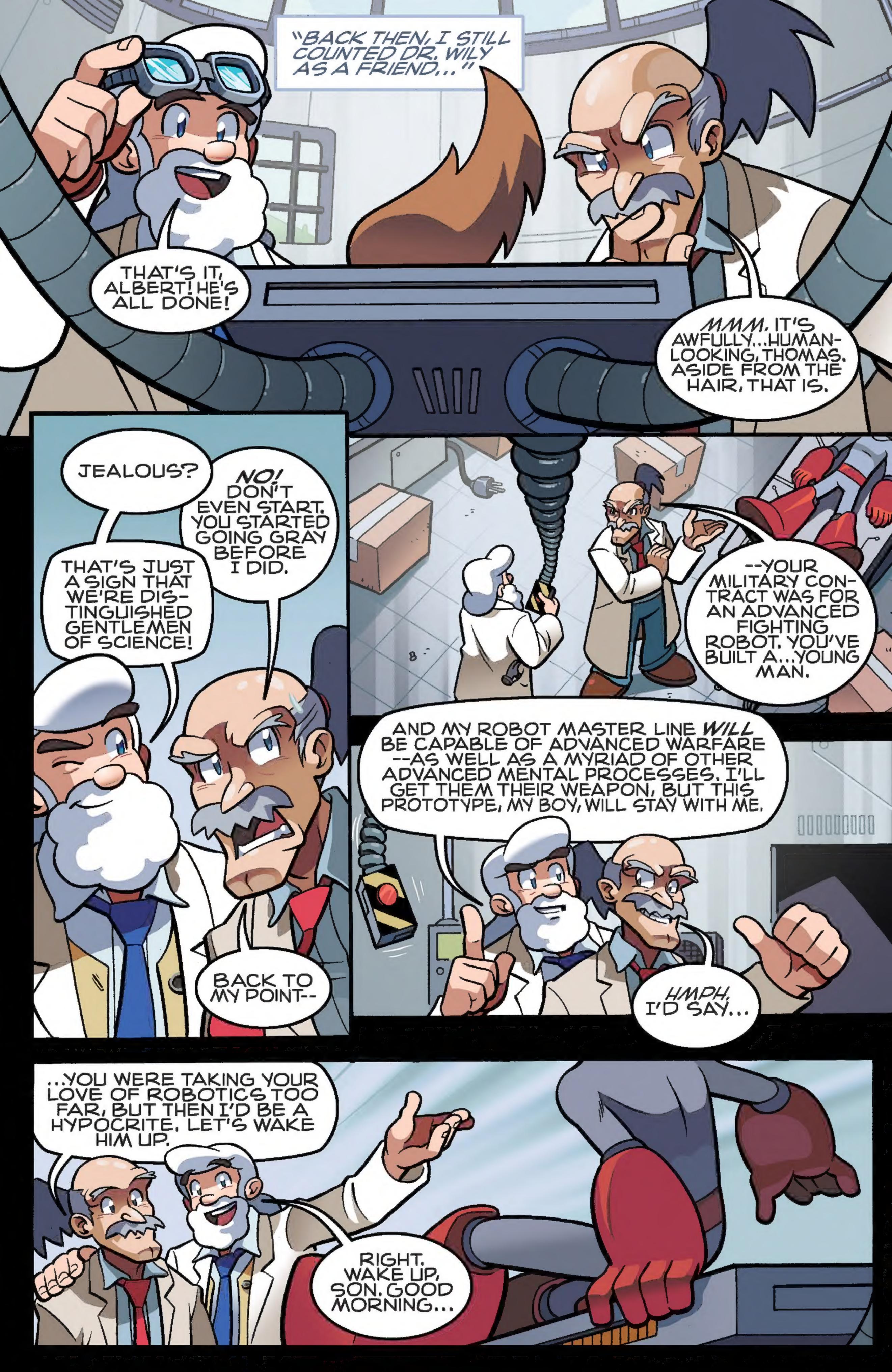
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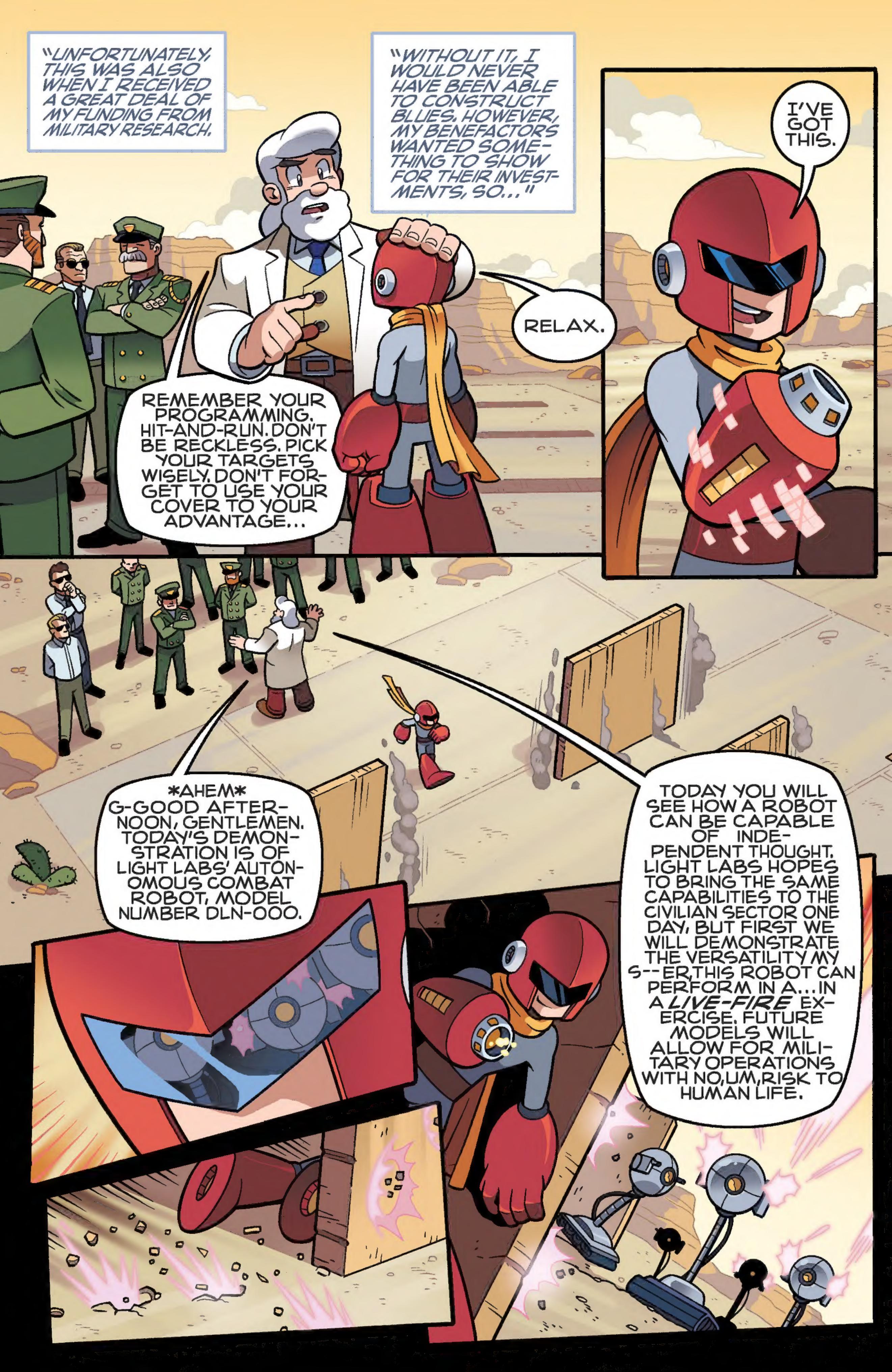


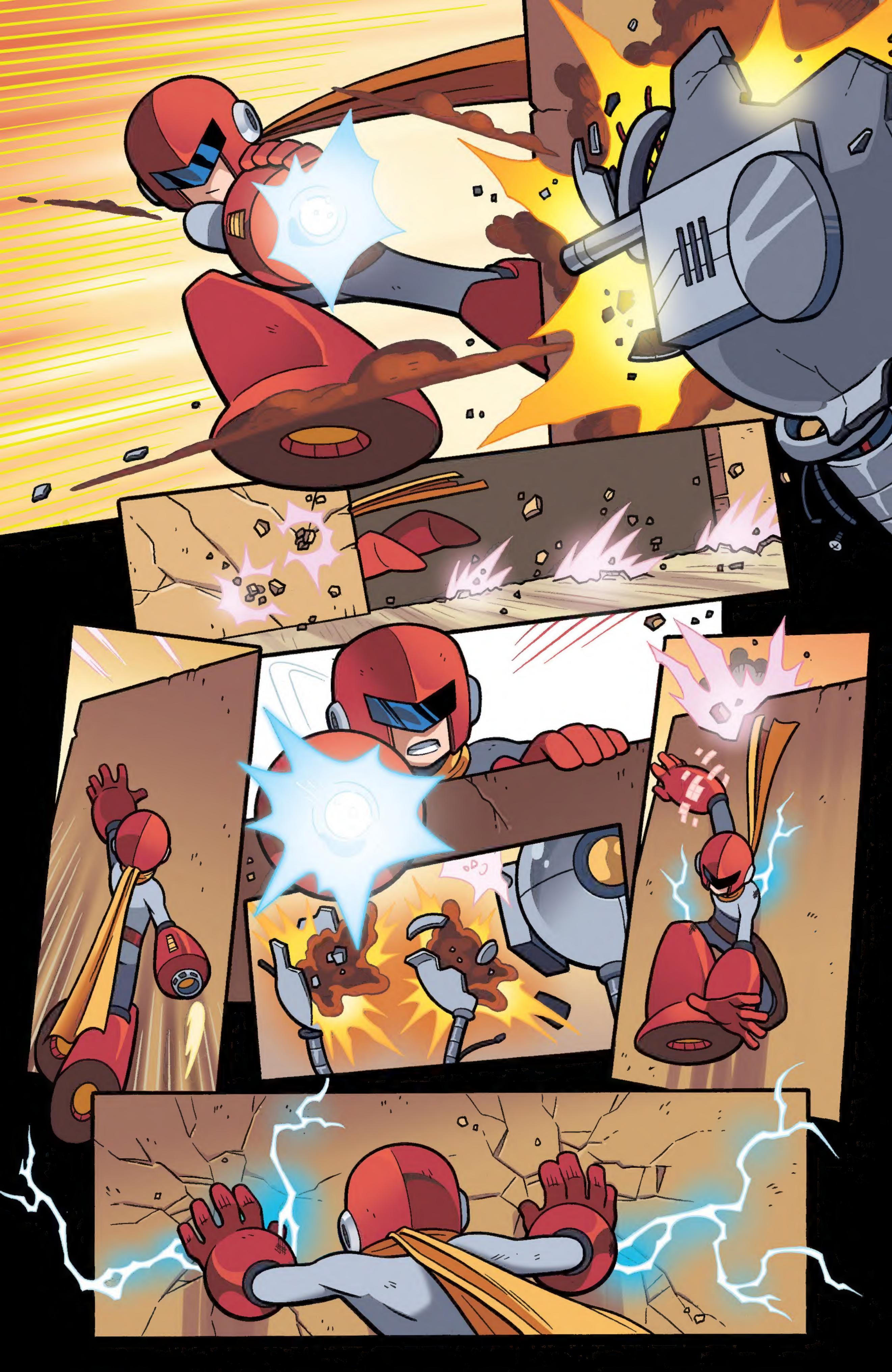






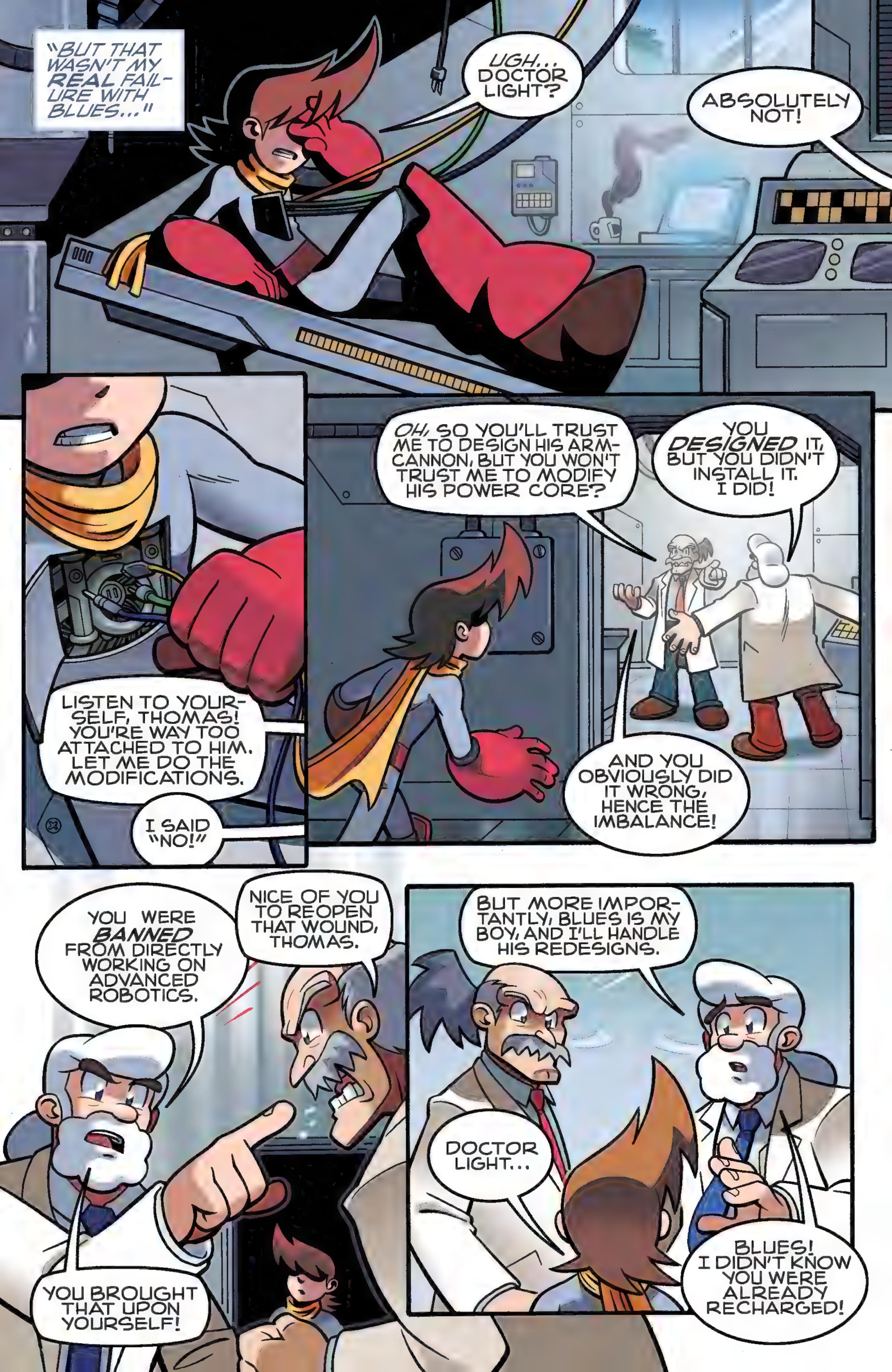








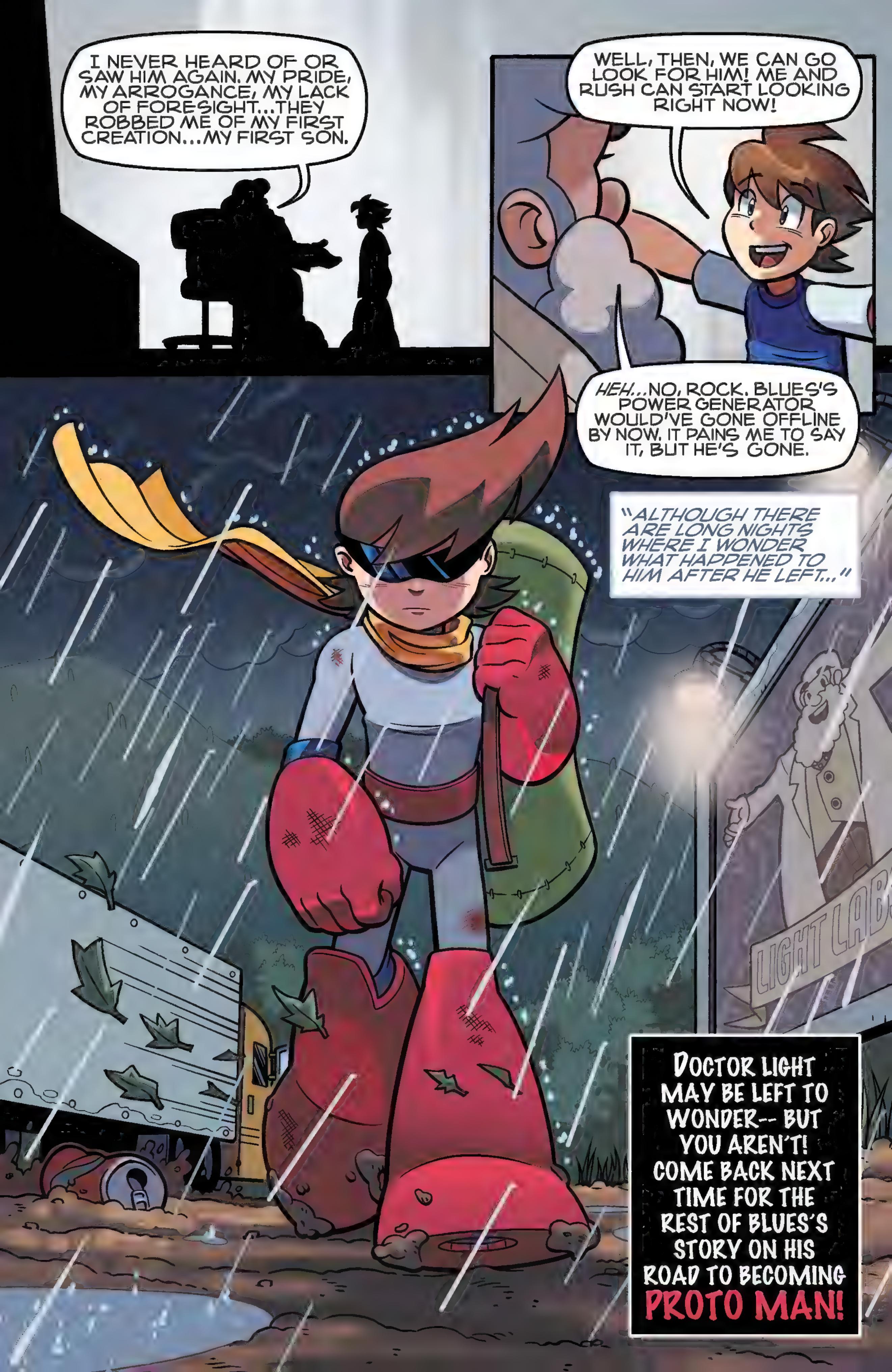






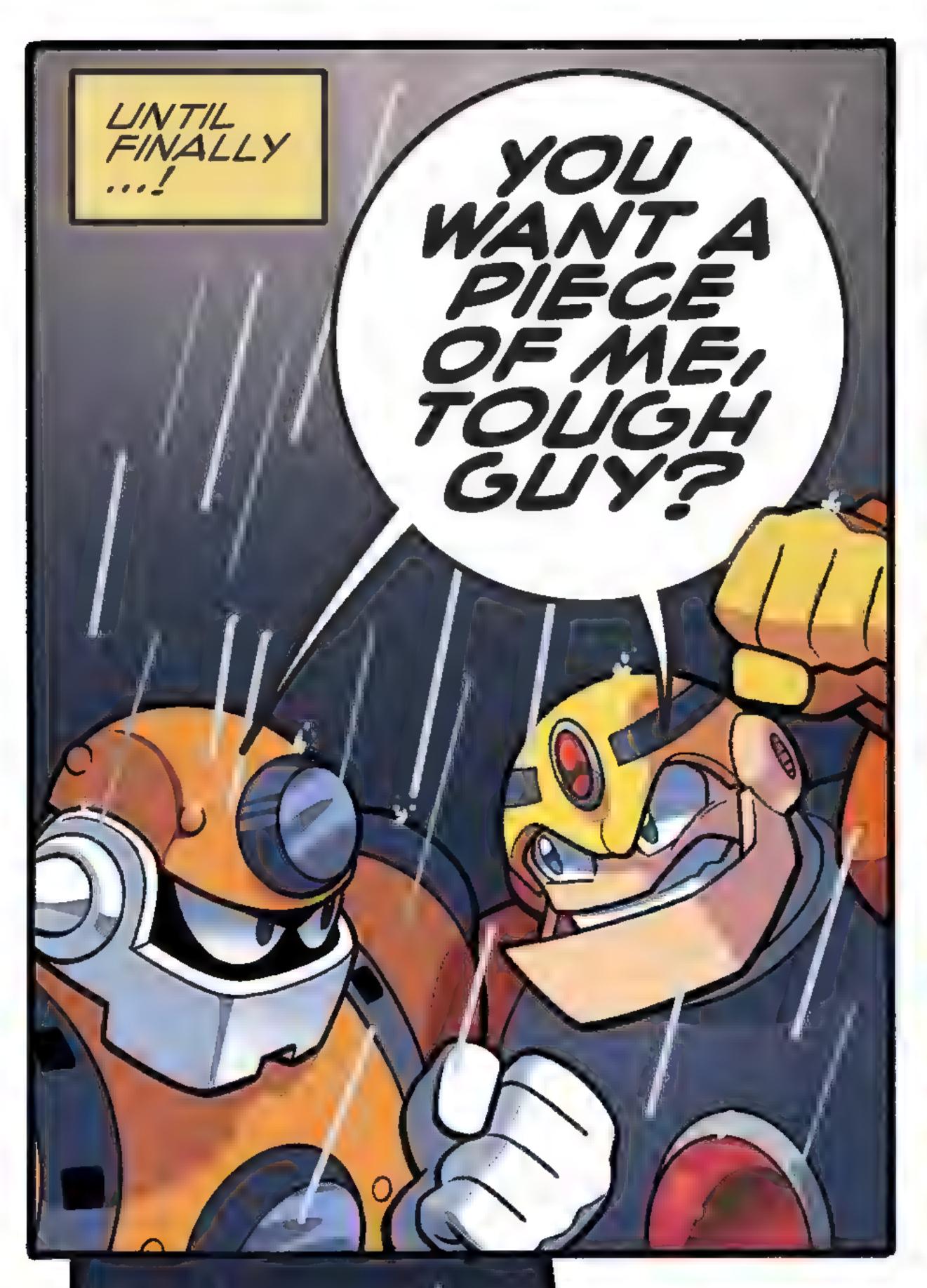




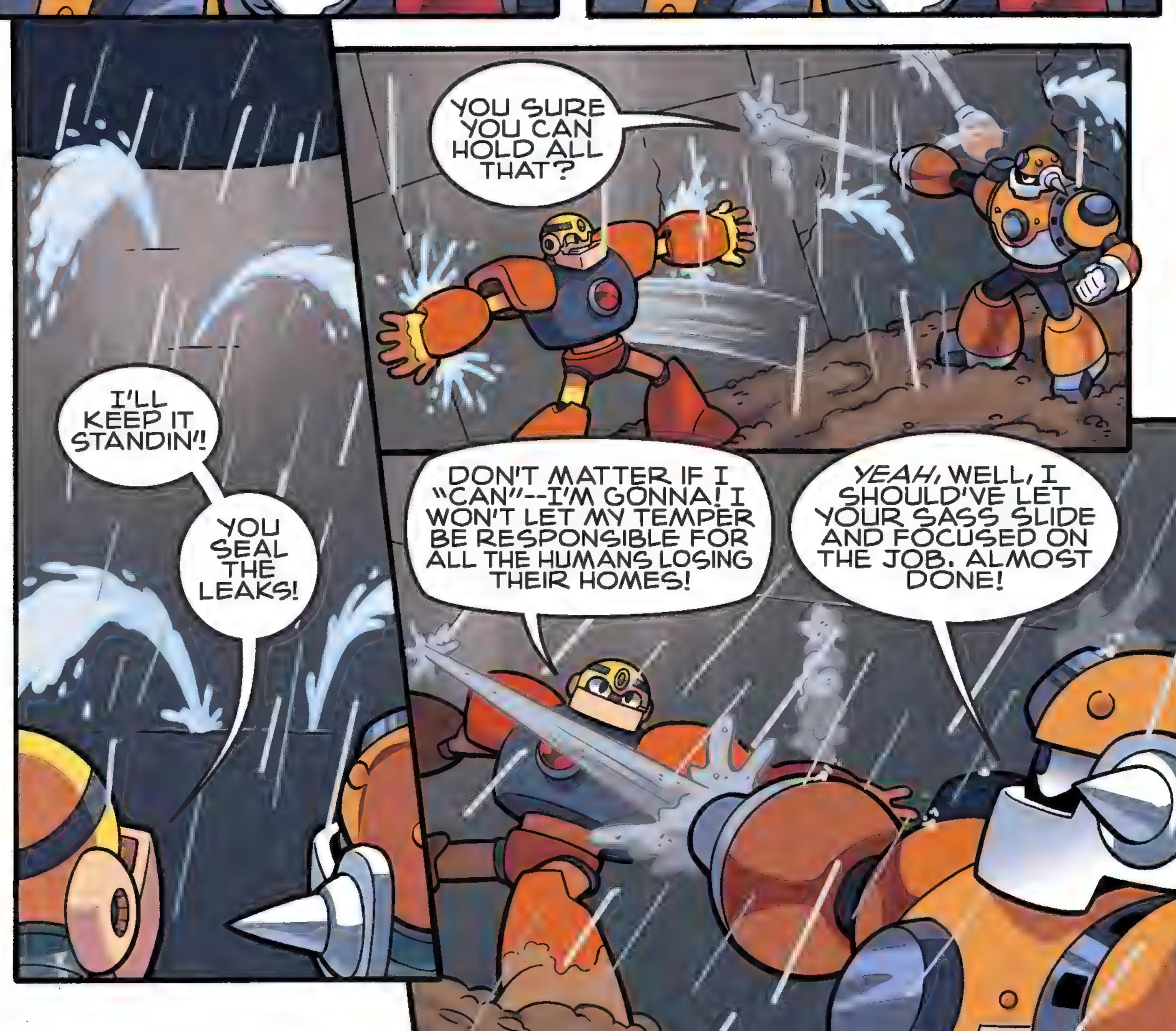




















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YOU GOT ME SINGIN' THE BLUES!

Here it is, Mega-fans, the story you've all been waiting for -- the origin of Proto Man! While we saw the return of Blues in the conclusion of "Spiritus Ex Machina" (available now as a complete set on the Mega Man store @ archiecomics.com plugplugplugplug), this issue we began the full back-story of the robot that started it all!

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STANDARD (LEFT)
& VARIANT (BELOW)
COVER SKETCHES
FOR "PROTO-TYPE"
BY CHAD THOMAS



PROTO MAN AT THE END OF "TIME KEEPS SLIPPING" (ABOVE)
AND HIS RETURN AT THE END OF

"SPIRITUS EX MACHINA" (BELOW).



We'd also like to welcome back penciller Chad Thomas, whom you'll remember from the "Time Keeps Slipping" story

arc (now available in graphic novel! plugplugplugplug) who joins us for both parts of the "Proto-Type" story! Also a a big welcome to penciller Jamal Peppers, whose pencils graced the Ice Man variant cover for Mega Man #4 (did I mention you can get that variant cover and ALL the other vairant covers for an easy-breezy

\$15 @ archiecomics.com? plugplugplugplug) and who will be back next month for another awesome robot master back-up story!

That's all for now Mega-peoples, but we'll see you back here next month for more Mega-action!

Catch ya next time!





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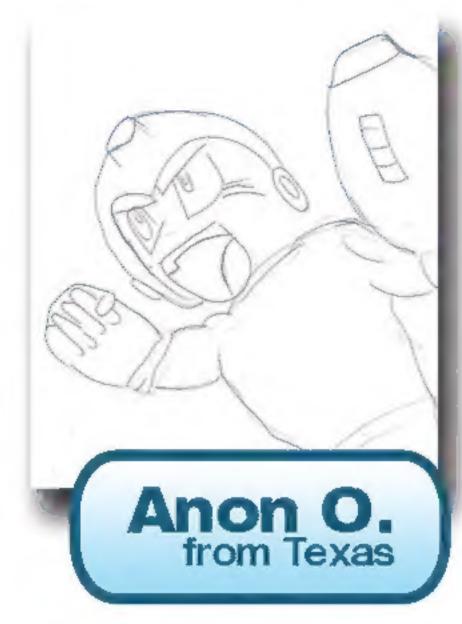
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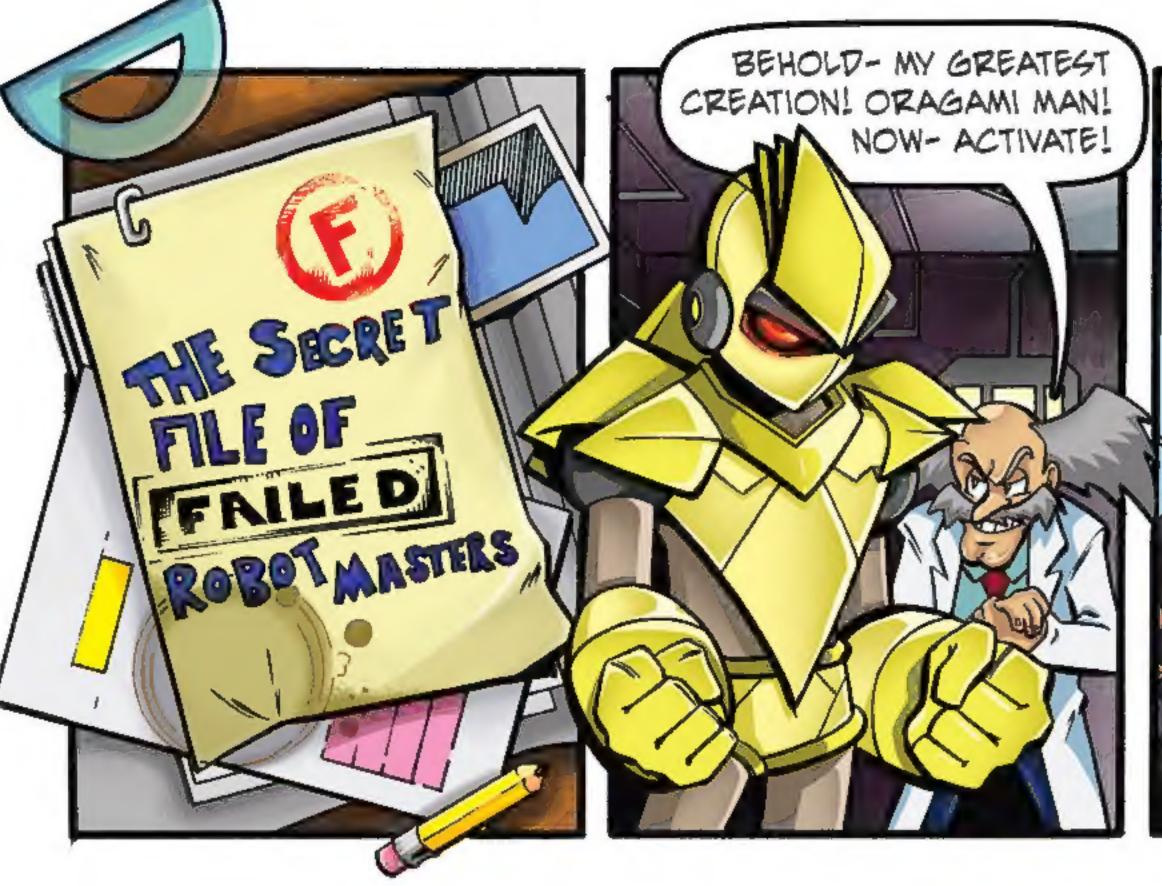
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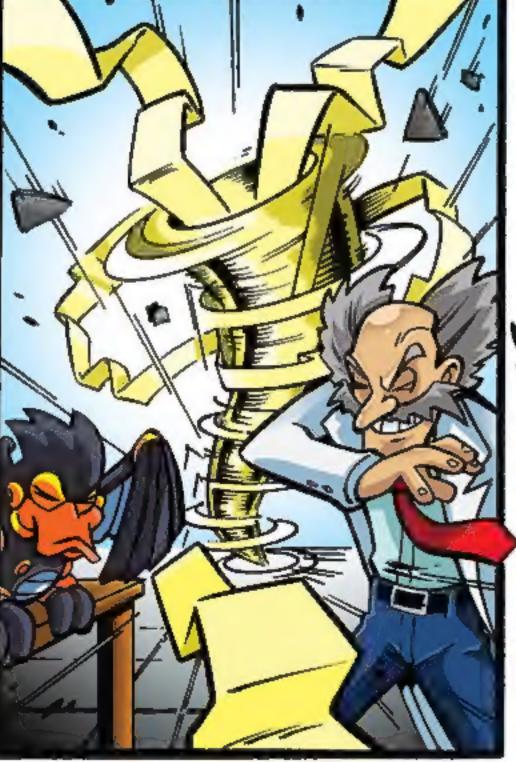
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Dear Mega-Mail,

You guys are awesome when it comes to putting the Mega Man franchise together! I've been collecting your comics ever since the start and I'm loving it.

That's what we like to hear! And trust us, it only gets cooler from here!

You have really inspired me since I'm an artist myself. I'm 15 years old and really love how Spaz drew those first four comic books. Keep up the good work

I'll pass your compliments along to Mr. Spaziante himself! Spaz will be back this spring as cover artist for the Mega-event we've got coming up! Stay tuned for more announcements, Mega-Peoples!

Now I'm just waiting for Blues to show up in the new story!

Your friend, Bubba J. from Tenessees

Thanks, Bubba! Hope you enjoyed Blues' debut -- come on back next month for part 2!

Dear Mega Mail,

I just wanted to say this series has been amazing. Every issue has been perfect and it would be interesting to see a Mega Man Legends Spin-off.

Ann H. sent to MegaMan@ archiecomics.com

Thanks, Ann! A 'Legends' spin-off, eh? Sounds cool to me!

Dear Mega-Mail,

This comic is awesome. I was really hooked when I first heard about it and I'm still reading it since issue 1. The stories are really good. My favorite story arc is The Return of Dr. Wily.

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So far seeing new characters (like Quake Woman) that are not from the games is really cool. Also Proto Man is one of my favorite characters. I was wondering if we will see story arcs with more Quake Woman and maybe some with Proto Man in them?

How do you like THAT for service -- you've got a Proto Man story in this very issue! As for Quake Woman, you will see her again VERY soon, as we love her too:)

If so, AWESOME! If not, that's okay it's still an awesome comic anyway. Keep up the good work.

Ian Y. Your fan from Ontario Canada

Your wish is our command, lan! We listen to all the Mega-fans out there who have thoughts on the series, which is partly why you got not one but TWO stories in this issue! Changing things up a bit will give us more opportunities to focus on different characters

from throughout the Mega Man universe.

Dear Mega-Mail, I am thoroughly enjoying the new Mega Man comic series. Keep it up!

Will do!

I really like the personalities of the Robot Masters -- Flash Man is hilarious. I hope more personality will be given to Magnet Man, and that it will be similar to how he is interpreted in that song, "Don't Mess With Magnet Man."

I think you'll be very "attracted" to upcoming issues!

Is there a chance the series will have a spin off comic? A series that focuses on the different time lines of the Mega man universe?

That's a neat idea! Perhaps one day!

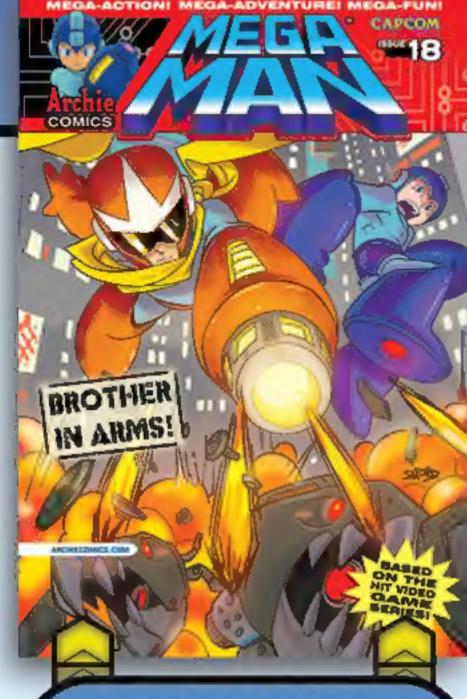
One more thing. I am looking forward to Mega Man's future crossover with Sonic!

- AT from Louisiana

Thanks! We're super psyched too! Keep reading for future updates on all the action!

That's all for this month, see everyone back here for the conclusion of "Proto-Type" in the very next issue! Same Mega-time, same Mega-comic!

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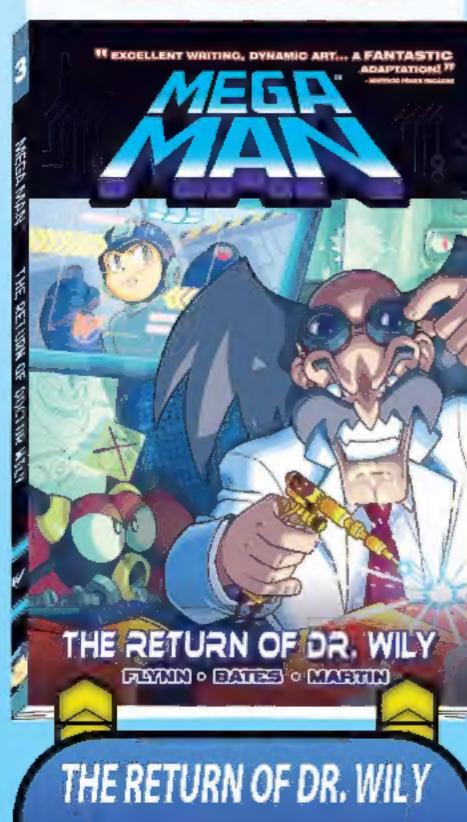


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